

CITY OF VANCOUVER

SPECIAL COUNCIL - APRIL 26, 1979

## PUBLIC HEARING

A Special Meeting of the Council of the City of Vancouver was held on Thursday, April 26, 1979, at approximately 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, third floor, City Hall, for the purpose of holding a Public Hearing to amend the Zoning and Development By-law.

PRESENT: Alderman D. Marzari, Deputy Mayor  
Aldermen Boyce, Ford, Gerard,  
Harcourt, Little, Puil  
and Rankin

**ABSENT:**      **Mayor Volrich**  
                    **Aldermen Bellamy and Kennedy**

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL: J. Thomas

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Ald. Rankin,  
SECONDED by Ald. Gerard,

THAT this Council resolve itself into Committee of the Whole, Alderman Marzari, Deputy Mayor in the Chair, to consider proposed amendments to the Zoning and Development By-law.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Proposed Amendments to By-law No. 3573  
being the Zoning and Development By-law

An application has been received from the Director of Planning, to amend the Zoning and Development By-law as follows:

"Proposed Amendments to the C-1, C-2, C-2B, C-3A,  
MC-1, M-1, M-1A and M-2 District Schedules

(a) The proposed amendments to the above-noted Schedules would provide that facilities and services related to drug or alcohol detoxification or rehabilitation are permitted only as Conditional Approval Uses so as to ensure that such facilities are located on sites where potential incompatibilities with adjacent uses are minimized.

(b) Any consequential amendments."

Mr. D. MacDonald, Zoning Planner, reviewed the proposed amendments and advised the Council that if the amendments were approved, clinics or offices for medical purposes related to drug or alcohol detoxification or rehabilitation would only be permitted within C-2 and C-3A Commercial Districts as Conditional Approval Uses instead of Outright Approval Uses as at present. This would ensure community feedback.

The Deputy Mayor called for speakers for or against the application, and the following delegations were heard:

- Mr. I. Sisett, presented a number of letters and a brief (on file) on behalf of the South Slope Concerned Citizens Association, opposing the location of compulsory drug and alcohol related treatment facilities in or near a residential neighbourhood without providing full information to local residents and businesses and permitting an opportunity for a Public Hearing.

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The brief supported the proposed amendments and recommended:

- "1. City and Senior Governments be responsible to provide full information to the Citizens concerned within any such area of proposed development for such Clinic use.
2. That, if Compulsory Treatment Centres are to be located, that citizens be fully informed as to their proposed location
  - (a) Precise usage
  - (b) Full nature and extent of treatment being offered
  - (c) The precise boundaries of the area to be serviced
  - (d) The philosophy and objectives of the Treatment programme in general
  - (e) Where the treatment project is "experimental" in nature, some indication of the risks and problems to be anticipated
  - (f) Number of persons and number of anticipated weekly attendances of persons requiring treatment at each location
  - (g) Where narcotics are involved - the precise nature, amount and effect of such drugs.
3. That, City Hall be responsible for circulation of the particular information to recognized community groups within the proposed area of development, as well as to all residents and businesses in the area. That a minimum of a SIX BLOCK radius be utilized in delivery of such information."

- Mrs. D. Banner, Secretary, South Slope Concerned Citizens Association, presented a file of 52 letters from residents and businesses opposing the location of a drug treatment facility at 7155 Victoria Drive, and read a letter from the Reverend K. Huguet, Minister of Fraserview United Church, which criticized the present process whereby such treatment centres could be permitted against the wishes of neighbourhood residents.
- Mrs. Nora Justesen, 1812 East 51st Avenue, read a letter to the Council from Mr. K.M. MacPherson, Principal, David Thompson Secondary School, urging consultation with area residents when sites for treatment centres are being contemplated.
- Mr. John Unsworth, 7207 Victoria Drive, read a letter from Mr. and Mrs. W.S. Vande Voorde, B.C. Valve and Crank Service, detailing the incidence of break-ins, fires, broken windows and general vandalism affecting their business premises at 54th Avenue and Victoria Drive.
- Mrs. Donna Holmes, 7320 Jasper Crescent, supported the amendments and read a letter from Dr. E.B. Kennedy and Dr. T.E. Coward, commenting on the negative affect they felt the drug treatment clinics would have on their dental practice at 54th Avenue and Victoria Drive.

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- Barbara Cannon, 295 East 17th Avenue, spoke in support of the amendments on behalf of the Riley Park N.I.P. Planning Committee.
- Mr. Ron Thomson, 2353 Burquitlam Drive, felt residents of any area should have the opportunity to decide whether or not a compulsory drug treatment centre should be located in their neighbourhood.
- Mr. R. Peltola, 7332 Jasper Crescent, referred to a letter from the Minister of Health, informing him that the City Planning division had allowed the Provincial Government's agents, the B.C. Buildings Corporation, to go ahead on the facility planned for 7155 Victoria Drive.
- Mr. Bert Hoskin, Chairman, Alcohol and Drug Commission, advised the Commission's application for treatment facilities had been made in good faith and in accordance with City By-laws. Mr. Hoskin also noted there had been a good deal of media publicity on the compulsory drug treatment program including television interviews and radio hot-line discussions. It was incorrect to allege there had been no dialogue between the Commission and citizens. Furthermore, there was no antagonism between the Commission and the Planning division - both were aware of each others problems.
- Judge L. Bewley, legal counsel to the Commission, requested that Council bear in mind that the compulsory treatment clinics were not penal or quasi penal institutions. The whole object of the program was to control addicts who were not controllable at present because they were floating loose through the community.

Responding to questions from Members of Council, Mr. MacDonald advised the power to approve Conditional Uses would remain invested in the Director of Planning, who would notify neighbours within a specified area. Public information meetings would become part of the process before the Public Hearing stage.

Mr. MacDonald also pointed out there was no development permit application for 7155 Victoria Drive before the City at this time, and it was his understanding the proposal was no longer valid and the building at that location was no longer being considered for a drug treatment centre.

(Alderman Harcourt left the meeting at this point).

MOVED by Ald. Gerard,

THAT the application of the Director of Planning be approved and the Director of Legal Services be instructed to bring forward the appropriate amending by-law.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Little,

THAT when the B.C. Drug and Alcohol Commission is proposing to locate a drug treatment centre in a specific community, it be requested to work in conjunction with the Planning Department and community groups in order to reach a consensus on the selection of a community site for such facility.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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MOVED by Ald. Little,

THAT the Provincial Government be requested to ensure that an appropriate public information program is developed to make citizens fully aware of the details of the Provincial Government's compulsory drug treatment program.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

RISE FROM COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

MOVED by Ald. Boyce,

THAT the Committee of the Whole rise and report.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MOVED by Ald. Boyce,  
SECONDED by Ald. Ford,

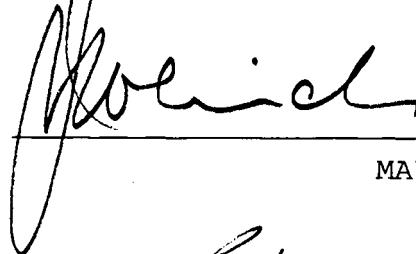
THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted and the Director of Legal Services be instructed to prepare and submit to Council the necessary amendments to By-law No. 3573.

- CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

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The Special Council adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m.

The foregoing are Minutes of the Special Council Meeting (Public Hearing) of April 26, 1979, adopted by Council on May 15, 1979.

  
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MAYOR

  
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CITY CLERK